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SUBJECT: KING JUAN CARLOS PROTECTS HIS FLANKS WITH THE RIGHT

1. SUNDAY EVENING, IN THE FIRST OF HIS AUDIENCES FOR NATIONAL GROUPS, KING JUAN CARLOS RECEIVED THE HEARTLAND OF THE BUNKER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL VETERANS ORGANIZATION HEADED BY JOSE ANTONIO GIRON. (THE MINISTER OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, JOSE SOLIS RUIZ ALSO CAME TO THIS MEETING WITH THE VETERANS GROUP.)

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2. GIRON, IN A RAMBLING DISCOURSE, AFFIRMED THEIR LOYALTY TO JUAN CARLOS AS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE STATE WHICH FRANCO ESTABLISHED. FRANCO HAD ORDAINED THE MONARCHY AND PICKED JUAN CARLOS. HE REMINDED THE KING OF THE ANARCHIC STATE OF SPAIN ON JULY 18, 1936 "IN WHICH ANY ABERRATION WAS POSSIBLE," ON THE FRAGMENTATION BROUGHT ON BY POLITICAL PARTIES AND REGIONAL SEPARATISM. GIRON ASKED THAT THE KING PURSUE SOCIAL JUSTICE, "REMOVING FOREVER CIVIL INJUSTICE FROM (THE SPANISH) PEOPLE AND RAISING SPANIARDS TO THE HIGHEST CATEGORY OF FREE MEN AND MAKING POSSIBLE THE CONVERSION OF A SOCIETY IN WHICH YET SURVIVE ALIEN INJUSTICES INTO A FRATERNAL DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL AND SINDICALIST."

3. IN REPLY JUAN CARLOS THANKED THE VETERANS FOR THEIR SUPPORT. HE SAID ALL SHOULD MOVE FORWARD "ON THE ROAD MARKED OUT, PERFECTING AND COMPLEMENTING THE WORK WHICH FRANCO ACCOMPLISHED." "THE BEST FORM OF INTERPRETING HIS LEGACY IS TO MARCH ON WITHOUT STOPPING TOWARDS OBJECTIVES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, WHICH WILL GIVE STRENGTH AND UNITY" TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE. UNLIKE HIS SPEECH BEFORE THE "CORTES" FOLLOWING HIS PROCLAMATION AS KING, JUAN CARLOS ENDED WITH THE FALANGIST CRY, "ARRIBA ESPANA" AS WELL AS "VIVA ESPANA."

4. JUAN CARLOS I HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO PROTECT HIS FLANKS FROM THE BEST ORGANIZED ELEMENTS OF THE TRADITIONAL RIGHT WING. THE VETERANS CONFEDERATION CLAIMS A MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 500,000 INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY OFFICERS AND NON-COMS; IT MUSTERED 70,000 IN BLUE SHIRTS AND UNIFORMS WHO STOOD FOR HOURS IN THE COLD AT THE VALLEY OF THE FALLEN AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF FRANCO'S FUNERAL CORTEGE. AS HIS BODY WAS BORNE INTO THE UNDERGROUND CATHEDRAL, THEY SHOUTED "VIVA FRANCO" AND SANG THE FALANGIST HYMN "CARA AL SOL". FOLLOWING THE BURIAL, THEY KEPT COMPLETE SILENCE AS THE KING WALKED BY; THERE WERE ONLY ISOLATED CRIES OF "VIVA EL REY" AS HE REACHED HIS CAR.

5. THIS ORGANIZATION OBVIOUSLY RESENTS THE THOUGHT OF CHANGE, GIVEN THEIR UNDISCRIMINATING LOYALTY TO ALL FRANCO HAS STOOD FOR IN THE 39 YEARS OF HIS RULE.
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BY MEETING WITH THEM JUAN CARLOS HAS SOUGHT TO PROTECT HIS RIGHT FLANK IN THE DAYS AHEAD; BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION WILL BE MADE UNEASY BY IT--EVEN IF THEY RECOGNIZE THE POLITICAL WISDOM--AND THE COMMUNISTS AND EXTREME LEFTISTS WILL USE IT IN THEIR STRIDENT CAMPAIGN THAT HAS BEGUN AGAINST JUAN CARLOS. THE PLEDGE OF SUPPORT FROM GIRON IS SIGNIFICANT, BUT THE TERMS IN WHICH IT WAS GIVEN HIGHLIGHT CHANGE ONLY IN

THE 1930'S NATIONAL/SOCIALIST SENSE OF "SOCIAL JUSTICE."
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